

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the Covington Catholic High School boys' basketball  
2 team upon winning the 2018 Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Basketball  
3 Tournament.

4           WHEREAS, this honorable body commends rare athletic achievement, and gives  
5 special commendation to those athletic teams who pursue such excellence that they  
6 become examples for the youth of this Commonwealth; and

7           WHEREAS, the Covington Catholic High School boys' basketball team achieved  
8 such excellence on March 18, 2018, when they defeated Scott County High School 73-55  
9 to win the 2018 Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament; and

10           WHEREAS, Covington Catholic High School became just the third school in  
11 Kentucky history to win the football and boys' basketball state championships in the same  
12 year. The title was the second state championship for the basketball program in the past  
13 five seasons; and

14           WHEREAS, the Colonels dominated the second frame, starting the half with a 14-5  
15 run and shooting 11 for 21 on the half. CJ Fredrick, who took home tournament Most  
16 Valuable Player honors, finished with 32 points, while Aiden Ruthsatz chipped in with 16  
17 and AJ Mayer finished with 12. AJ Mayer collected eight rebounds, while sophomore  
18 Michael Mayer grabbed six rebounds and Jake Walter tallied six points and five  
19 rebounds; and

20           WHEREAS, with the historic victory, Covington Catholic Head Coach Scott  
21 Ruthsatz earned his 200th career win and his second state championship. He is now 200-  
22 46 in seven seasons at Covington Catholic; and

23           WHEREAS, the achievements of the Covington Catholic High School boys'  
24 basketball team, Coach Scott Ruthsatz, and his entire coaching staff deserve recognition  
25 and have earned these young men a rightful place at the top of their sport. For their  
26 impressive 2018 season and for the example they have set for young athletes in this  
27 Commonwealth, this body honors them and wishes them the best of luck in all their

1 future endeavors;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives, both individually and  
6 collectively, hereby commend the Covington Catholic High School boys' basketball team  
7 upon winning the 2018 Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament  
8 and congratulate each member of the team, Head Coach Scott Ruthsatz, and the entire  
9 Covington Catholic community.

10 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
11 honor of the Covington Catholic High School boys' basketball team.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative Diane St. Onge.